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1. WE CONCUR IN PROPOSED ACTION. UNDER WHAT AUTHORITY
WAS NATO/IS ABLE TO IGNORE A COUNCIL
DECISION MADE ON DECEMBER 17, 1975? WE WONDER WHETHER
OTHER DECISIONS BY COUNCIL HAVE ALSO BEEN IGNORED BY
NATO/IS. IS THERE NO PROCEDURE TO INSURE IMPLEMENTATION
OF COUNCIL DECISIONS? THESE QUESTIONS SHOULD BE RAISED
WHEN MATTER IS TAKEN UP BY COUNCIL, AND CBC.

2. YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT WE CANNOT
ACCEPT ANY FURTHER DELAY IN IMPLEMENTATION IN VIEW OF
THE FACT THAT THIS QUESTION HAS COME UP TWICE DURING
CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS THIS MONTH. WE DO NOT WANT
TO HAVE TO TELL CONGRESS THAT A COUNCIL DECISION HAS
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0EEN IGNORED FOR TWO YEARS, INVOLVING EXPENDITURES OF
FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY CONGRESS. FURTHER DELAY IS
UNTENABLE IN VIEW OF UN RULES WHICH ARE VERY MUCH IN
LINE WITH US POLICY, AND MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN APPROVED
NATO POLICY.

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3. YOU SHOULD RESIST ANY EFFORT BY SYG TO CLOUD THE
ISSUE AS ANTICIPATED IN PARA 7 OF REFTEL. SIMPLY
POINT OUT THAT COUNCIL HAS MADE A CLEAR DECISION TWO YEARS
AGO, AND THAT WE ARE INSISTING THAT DECISION BE
IMPLEMENTED WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY. YOU SHOULD STATE
THAT YOU ARE UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSE THAT THE
STRICTER UN RULES BE ADOPTED IN CASE MATTER IS REOPENED FOR
DISCUSSION.

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